



# Test Taking Tips

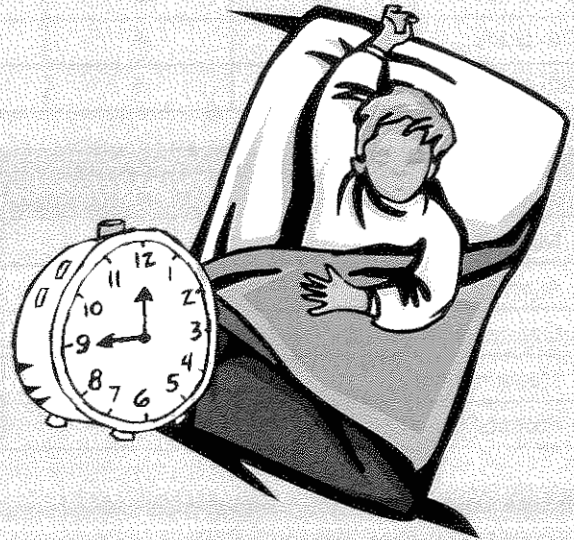
## Tips to give your child:

- ◇ Relax. Do the best you can.
- ◇ Your first choice is usually correct. Don't change an answer unless you have a good reason to do so.
- ◇ Be aware of key words such as "all," "now," "always," "never," "only," "exactly."
- ◇ In multiple-choice questions, don't skip the longest answer. It should be considered, since test writers want to be sure the correct answer is accurate – they may add lots of details to ensure accuracy.
- ◇ Watch for negative words like "not," "no," "never."
- ◇ Look for information in some of the questions. This information may help you answer other questions.

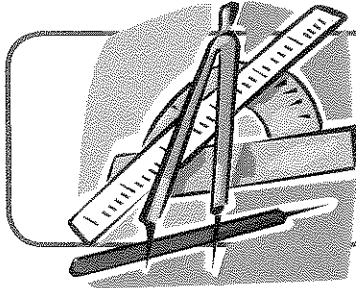


## Assist your child in preparing for testing:

- ◇ Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before a test.
- ◇ Make sure your child eats properly the day of a test.
- ◇ Make sure your child has taken any needed medication.
- ◇ Get your child to school on time the day of the test.
- ◇ Wish your child good luck each morning of the test. Tell your child that he/she is special and that you believe in him/her!
- ◇ Remind your child the test is important. Encourage him/her to do his/her best.
- ◇ Remind your child to listen carefully to the instructions from the teacher and to read the directions and each question carefully.
- ◇ Tell your child to attempt to answer all of the questions and not to leave any blank. If your child gets stuck on a question, encourage him or her to make the best guess and move on.
- ◇ Encourage your child to stay focused on the test, even if other students finish early.



# Assessments



## Use of Mathematics Tools

The school district will provide each student in Grades 3–8 with a ruler for his or her exclusive use during the Mathematics Test. Each student in Grades 5 and 7 will also have a protractor for his or her exclusive use during the test.

### Mathematics Assessments Consist Of:

Grade	Number of multiple choice questions	Number of short-response questions	Number of extended-response questions
3rd grade	58	4	3
4th grade	62	5	4
5th grade	60	4	4
6th grade	60	5	4
7th grade	62	5	4
8th grade	62	5	4



Standard Being Assessed On Math Assessments	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
1. Number Sense and Operations	41%	45%	39%	37%	30%	11%
2. Algebra	13%	14%	11%	19%	12%	44%
3. Geometry	13%	12%	25%	17%	14%	35%
4. Measurement	13%	17%	14%	11%	14%	10%
5. Probability and Statistics	13%	12%	11%	16%	30%	0%

For Past ELA and Math Assessments for Grades 3-5:

[www.nysedregents.org/elementary.html](http://www.nysedregents.org/elementary.html)

For Past ELA and Math Assessments for Grades 6-8:

[www.nysedregents.org/intermediate.html](http://www.nysedregents.org/intermediate.html)